

Lucernemines Coke Works, Coal Tipple
Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Company
.5 miles E of Lucerne
Indiana
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
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Location: .5 miles East of Lucerne, adjacent to Yellow Creek, Northeast of Homer City, Lucerne Vicinity, Center Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

USGS Quad: Indiana (1:24000)
UTM: 17/657375/4491150

Date of Construction: 1952

Builder: Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company

Present Owner: Shenango, Inc.

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: The Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company ovens at Lucerne is the most intact coke-processing complex of the historic Indiana County coal industry.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair, Cambria, Fayette, and Indiana counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Indiana County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1993), edited by Ken Rose and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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